

FRENCH, FORGING
AHEAD, THREATEN
NEW GERMAN LINE

They Are Advancing in the Teeth of Determined Resistance, Having Brought Up All but Their Heaviest Artillery, and They Are Hammering the So-Called Hindenburg Defenses

SOLID PROGRESS MADE
IN DIRECTION OF LAON

German General Staff Apparently Is Alive to the Danger at This Latter Pivotal Point and Is Now Making Desperate Efforts to Check French Advance

Paris, March 24.—The allies continue to forge ahead on the center and extreme right and made substantial progress yesterday in the direction of St. Quentin and La Fere in the teeth of determined German resistance. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Germans to destroy the roads as they retired, the allies have managed to bring up a good force of all but their heaviest artillery, and the guns are again busy after a long rest.

The pressure of the French from St. Quentin to the Aisne is so powerful that it begins to seem doubtful in the opinion of French military critics if the Germans will be able to hold onto the so-called Hindenburg line. Further south the French are making solid progress in the direction of Laon. It is evident that the German staff is alive to the growing danger, for they are making desperate efforts to check the French advance and are fighting fiercer here than at any other section.

Official Reports Tell of Progress.

The French continued to push forward last night in the region south of St. Quentin, in which heavy fighting has been in progress for several days, says a French official statement. They reached the west bank of the Oise river, north of La Fere, and gained additional ground east of the Ailette river.

Last night's official statement reads as follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise in the course of the day our troops carried out with decision a spirited offensive which was completely successful. The enemy, despite stubborn resistance, was pushed back on a large front, for distances varying between two and four kilometers, to the northeast of the canal of St. Quentin."

"Northeast of Terguier our detachments have pushed ahead on the heights immediately overlooking the Oise valley. In this region the Germans have resorted to inundations. The city of La Fere is under water.

"South of the Oise we have continued our crossing of the Ailette river. In the region north of Soissons, our troops fought for and realized considerable progress toward Margival."

"Northwest of Rheims the Germans carried out against our trenches before Thil two attacks which failed under the curtain fire of our machine guns. The losses of the enemy have been serious, judging from the bodies of men abandoned by him within our wire entanglements."

"Along the rest of the front the day has been comparatively quiet."

ATTACKS DRIVEN OFF

And British Made Gains South of Arras, London Reports.

London, March 24.—Encounters between the British patrols and German detachments have occurred along the general line from Beaumont to Etrepierre, says the official communication from British headquarters in France issued last night. South of Arras and near the center of the line German counter attacks, the statement adds, were driven off and the British positions were maintained. British troops made further progress in the region of Croisilles and Ecourt, southwest of Arras, says the statement, the text of which follows:

"In the area of our advance encounter between our patrols and hostile detachments of some strength have occurred at a number of points along the general line, Etrepierre-Baumetz-les-Cambrai-Baumont. During the day enemy counter attacks near Aizecourt-le-Bas, Baumetz-les-Cambrai and Vraucourt were driven off after fighting. Our positions were maintained and we took a few prisoners. Our troops made further progress in the neighborhood of Ecourt and Croisilles."

"We carried out a successful raid this morning east of Arras. The enemy blew up a large mine last night (Thursday) north of Neuville-St. Vaast, but no damage was reported. Our artillery bombarded the enemy's trenches southeast of Loos and east of Vermelles with good effect."

REAR-GUARD BATTLES
FAVOR THE GERMANS
SAYS BERLIN REPORT

Entente Forces Are Suffering Heavy Losses and French Attacks Were Said to Have Been Repulsed.

Berlin (by wireless), March 24.—The British and French advancing forces and the German rear guards are battling daily on both sides of the rivers Somme and Oise in northern France, says the of-

ficial statement. In these engagements the entente forces suffered heavy losses. The French attacks against German outposts west of La Fere and along the Ailette lowlands, as well as near Neuville and Margival, it is officially declared, were repulsed yesterday.

RUSSIANS RETREAT
ON RUMANIAN FRONT

German Attacks Caused Them to Fall Back to Their Second Line of Defense.

Petrograd, via London, March 24.—Under pressure of German attacks against Russian positions between the rivers Sileha and Chvanich on the Rumanian front, says the official statement, the Russian troops withdrew to the next line of defense, about two-thirds of a mile to the eastward.

Berlin (by wireless), March 24.—The German forces under command of Archduke Joseph yesterday stormed Russian positions in the Rumanian frontier ridge between the Soltomtar and Cobanov valleys, according to today's official statement, and captured 500 Russians.

BULGARIAN ARMY
ABOUT MONASTIR
FEELING RESTLESS

Several Regiments Are Reported to Have Deserted in a Body Because of Friction Over Supplies and Relations with Teutons.

London, March 24.—Semi-official dispatches from Serbian headquarters in the last few days have reported serious trouble among Bulgarian troops around Monastir. Several regiments are reported to have deserted in a body as the result of friction over supplies and their relations with their Teutonic allies. According to these reports, it has been necessary to rearrange several large units of the Bulgarian army, distributing troops of suspected loyalty to places where they could do the least harm.

296 MEN WERE LOST.

When French Cruiser Danton Was Torpedoed.

Paris, March 24.—The French cruiser (battleship) Danton was torpedoed in the Mediterranean sea on March 19, it was announced officially by the admiralty last night. Two hundred and ninety-six men were lost and 806 were saved by the destroyer Massue and patrol boats. The statement says:

"The steamer Danton was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on the 19th and sank a half an hour later, the victims numbering 296. The escort, the Massue and patrol boats, succeeded in saving 806 men. The Massue attacked the submarine with grenades and it disappeared and was not seen again."

The sinking of a French battleship of the Danton class by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on March 19 was reported in a statement issued by the German admiralty on March 20. This statement said the battleship which was protected by destroyers, listed heavily after being hit and capsized 45 minutes later. Lieutenant Captain Morath was named as the commander of the German submarine.

The battleship Danton displaced 18,028 tons and her complement before the war was 681 officers and men. The Danton was built at Brest and was commissioned in 1909. She carried four 12-inch guns and 39 of smaller calibre.

ALL FRENCH IMPORTS
TO BE PROHIBITED

Only Exception Is in Case of Specific Permission Granted on Application to the Government.

Paris, March 24.—By direction of the cabinet, the minister of commerce today issued a decree prohibiting all imports whatsoever except such as may be authorized specifically by the government upon application.

FORT GUARD DIED.

Was Slain By Two Men Detected on Fort Reservation.

Portland, Me., March 24.—Private John Poor of the third company, coast artillery corps, died last night of a bullet wound received when he tried to halt two strangers detected near the 12-inch gun batteries at Fort Williams, yesterday. Poor, who was 22 years old, enlisted a year ago. He was the son of Robert O. Poor of Clarksville, Ill.

Although the batteries, which are on Cape Elizabeth near Portland head lights, have been heavily guarded since another night was fired on last Wednesday night, two prowlers succeeded in penetrating the lines to a point near the big guns. Poor saw them in the darkness and promptly sent a warning shot over their heads with an order to halt. One of the prowlers returned the fire, bringing down the sentry with a 44-calibre bullet through the thigh. Before other guards could come up the strangers escaped.

Renewed precautions were taken last night to guard all fortifications here.

Union Men, Attention!

A meeting of the executive boards and all legislative committees of unions affiliated with the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity will be held in the carpenter's hall, Nichols block, Saturday evening, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock. Business of the greatest importance will come before this meeting, so let every member be present. Per order executive board, Alex Ironside, president, Angus McDonald, secretary.

RELIEFWORKERS
ARE CALLED OFF

Brand Whitlock Also Told to Withdraw from Belgium

LATTER WILL GO TO HAVRE, FRANCE

Joint Neutral Commission Will Keep Up American Relief Work

Washington, D. C., March 24.—American relief workers in Belgium and American Minister Brand Whitlock have been formally withdrawn from Belgium. Official announcement was made at the state department that the American relief commissioners will be replaced as far as possible by members of the joint neutral commission, largely under the supervision of Dutch military officials. Mr. Whitlock will go to Havre, France, resuming his duties as minister at the temporary Belgian capital.

REPUBLICAN FORM
OF GOVERNMENT
FOR RUSSIA

Central Committee and Parliamentary Representatives of Constitutional Democratic Party Said to Have So Voted.

London, March 24.—The central committee and parliamentary representatives of the constitutional democratic party at Petrograd voted today in favor of a republican form of government for Russia, according to a Petrograd dispatch.

SCORES WERE KILLED.

And Path of Ruins Left by Tornado in New Albany, Ind.

New Albany, Ind., March 24.—Between 25 and 30 persons were killed and probably 100 or more injured by a tornado which late yesterday swept over New Albany demolishing scores of residences and several industrial plants.

Twenty-five bodies have been recovered and it is expected this number will be increased when all the debris of wreckage has been cleared.

In addition to the bodies taken to undertaking establishments there were reports of others that were taken to private homes.

A. M. Floyd, manager of the Southern Telephone company of Indiana, estimated the number of dead in the storm zone at more than 100 and asserted it might reach 200. The estimate was made he said, after a hurried inspection of the storm swept area and was based upon the condition of the wreckage and the number of persons reported missing at that hour.

West Union, a suburb division in the northern section of the city, bore the brunt of the storm. Here the wind swept a path two blocks wide and more than a mile long, demolishing residences, several factories and destroying a negro school building.

Twenty-five children were in the building. Some of them are thought to have escaped, but the total number of victims here will not be ascertained until the wreckage has been cleared away.

TOLD TRUTH TO CAZAR.

Forthwith Grand Duke Michaelovitch was Banished.

London, March 24.—"The Grand Duke Nicholas Michaelovitch," says a Times dispatch from Petrograd, "was banished to his estates in December for telling Emperor Nicholas the truth concerning the situation and for denouncing the Rasputin scandal. The grand duke relates how he was moved more during the conversation than the emperor and when, fearing he had gone too far, he said to the emperor, 'Now call your Cossacks; have me killed and buried in your garden,' the emperor merely smiled and thanked him."

"A few days later the emperor wrote the grand duke a note ordering and imploring him to retire to his country seat. Before retiring to the country the grand duke wrote a letter to the emperor."

The text of the letter is printed by The Times. Following are some extracts from it:

"You have proclaimed frequently your will to continue the war to a victorious end. Are you sure the present condition of the country permits this? Are you acquainted with affairs within the empire, particularly in Siberia, Turkestan and the Caucasus? Do you hear the whole truth?"

"Your manner of choosing ministers was known in close circles and things could muddle along, but when they became a matter of public knowledge and all classes talked about them, it was a senseless attempt to continue to govern Russia in this fashion. You often told me you could put faith in nobody and that you were being deceived. If this is so it applies particularly to your wife, who loves you, yet who led you into error. Being surrounded by evil-minded intimates her words are the product of skillful machinations, not of truth. If you are powerless to liberate her from these influences, then, at all events, beware of the intrigues who are using your wife as their instrument."

"Your first impulses are always remarkably true, but as soon as other influences supervene, you begin to waver."

After appealing to the emperor to remove the interference of the "dark forces," and assuring him that he will thereby regain the confidence of the people "which you have forfeited," the grand duke's letter continues:

"I have long hesitated to tell you the whole truth, but decided to do so after being convinced by your mother and sisters that it must be done. You are on the eve of new troubles, on the eve of attempts on your life."

LIGHTED FLAG A TARGET.

Capt. Christopher of Haddon Told of Submarine Attack.

Rotterdam, March 24, via London.—The seven Americans who perished in the sinking of the Haddon were W. Chandler, second mate, Brooklyn; Hudgins, third mate, Norfolk, Va.; Walter Johnson, third engineer, Hoboken; E. Leveaux, oiler, Hoboken; George Healy, second messman, San Francisco; R. W. Smith, able seaman, Chicago, and John Steiner, able seaman, Pittsburgh.

Captain Christopher reached here last evening with all the survivors, who were feeling well despite the hardships they had undergone. To the Associated Press Captain Christopher said:

"If we had not shown our lights we might have escaped. At 8:15 o'clock Wednesday evening, with moderate breeze and choppy sea, I was in the cabin when aroused by a terrific concussion. All the lights went out and I rushed on deck in my shirt sleeves to stop the engines. I found that a torpedo had gone through amidships at the spot where the ship's name was illuminated brightly, wrecking the engine room. The light clearly served as a target."

The lifeboats were made ready and equipped for lowering. I rushed back to the cabin in the dark and was just able to grab my coat and the sextant when a second explosion shook the ship. This time it had been torpedoed aft, setting the tanks ablaze. The burning oil ran in all directions, necessitating a quick get away. I found that my boat, No. 1, apparently having been cut from the tow line prematurely, had capsized near the ships and none of its occupants were seen again.

"Meanwhile the Haddon was settling down fast by the stern. One or two poor fellows in the bunkers never came up and I expect they were killed by the explosion. I just had time to jump into No. 2 boat."

"The submarine came up at once and looked at the sinking ship. No signs could be seen on the submarine which immediately dived under water again. In 20 minutes it was all over. Then came 12 hours in open boats, insufficiently clad and exposed to bitter hail and snowstorms until we were picked up by the trawler Java. There was one Spaniard in my boat whose clothes had been burned off. He died of exposure."

"According to my calculations we were well within the so-called safe channel when the Haddon was torpedoed."

GLOUCESTER FISH
INDUSTRY HALTED
BY STRIKE OF 250

Men Work on a Percentage Basis, and They Are Demanding the Elimination of Certain Charges.

Gloucester, Mass., March 24.—The fishing industry here is completely tied up today as the result of a vote last night of the crews of the Mill Netting fleet to join in the fishermen's strike. Two hundred and fifty men operate the 20 boats of this fleet, which brings in from 20,000 to 100,000 pounds daily. In addition, between 40 and 50 vessels employing 1,000 men, which usually leave in the spring for the southern mackerel fishing grounds, are held up by the strike. The men work on a percentage basis and are demanding the elimination of certain charges.

DEATH WAS NATURAL.

Charles Guyette of Essex Died from Heart Disease.

Burlington, March 24.—The report of the autopsy performed by Drs. B. H. Stone and G. F. Whitney of the state laboratory on the body of Charles Guyette, late of Essex Center, which was performed last week Friday, was sent from the laboratory yesterday to State Attorney Allen Martin. The cause of death was not apoplexy, as was given in the death certificate, the results of the autopsy showing that death was due to heart trouble, following a bronchial affection.

The autopsy was performed following information given the state's attorney that the cause of death as given on the death certificate might not have been correct, upon which information Mr. Martin requested the autopsy. The body was exhumed last Friday morning and the autopsy was performed in a building within the cemetery. It was impossible to give the definite cause of death until the chemical tests had been completed at the laboratory, which work was finished yesterday.

ROBBED OF OVER \$600.

Capt. Henry C. Hathaway of New Bedford Held Up by Thug.

New Bedford, Mass., March 24.—Capt. Henry C. Hathaway, United States shipping commissioner at this port and an ex-halibut captain, was robbed of between \$600 and \$700 at the point of a revolver in his store here last night. A man posing as a jewelry salesman entered the store, where the captain was alone, and produced a small bag, showed the proprietor a watch and other jewelry. After bargaining, the captain agreed to buy some of it, and as he took his wallet out, another man entered and, pointing a revolver at the captain, ordered him to hand over his money. The captain complied and the men backed out of the store, keeping their victim covered. The robbers, who are believed to have been out of town yesterday, are thought to have an automobile in their work, made a clean getaway.

Capt. Hathaway is widely known for his part in the rescue of John Boyle O'Reilly while an officer on the whale ship Gazelle.

LARGE LOAN ASKED.

Northern Vermont Association Applies for \$125,000.

Springfield, Mass., March 24.—Application for a loan of \$125,000 was made of the Federal Farm Land bank of this city yesterday by the Northern Vermont association of St. Albans, Vt. The association is located in the heart of the richest dairy section of Vermont. The bank officials hope to complete the loan for the association within a few weeks. It is by far the largest yet requested since the bank opened.

FAR-REACHING
PLANS FOR WAR

Are Being Formulated by the United States Government

NO MERE PROTECTION OF MERCHANTMEN

An Aggressive Policy May Mean Sending of an Army Abroad

Washington, D. C., March 24.—The United States government is getting ready to put into effect measures of the most far-reaching and aggressive character in the event of war with Germany. It will not be satisfied with mere attempts to protect American merchant vessels. The preparations will be no half-way measures. The program decided upon includes military, naval, industrial and financial measures. The question of sending an army abroad will be left for future consideration.

The council of national defense met today to take an inventory of what has been done in the way of industrial preparedness and to decide if further measures are necessary.

Broad questions involved were discussed yesterday at a long cabinet meeting, to which heads of departments carried reports on preparations already made and others contemplated. Details are being taken up between President Wilson and the individual cabinet members.

Regretfully, the government apparently has decided that since Germany is making war upon the United States through ruthless killing of Americans and destruction of their ships, the issue must be met with steps much more far-reaching than mere attempts to protect individual merchant craft.

If anything is ahead to prevent this it is not now foreseen. Once a state of war is declared to exist, aggressive measures are expected to be taken.

As outlined after yesterday's cabinet meeting, the preparations of the government are not to be for a short war, or a war marked by half-way measures. Nothing is to be taken for granted. A complete program has been prepared so that everything done will be carried out in a systematic and orderly manner.

The exact measure of American participation in the war is not expected to be revealed until after the president addresses Congress, and until public sentiment crystallizes. So far as is known no political alliance with the entente allies is contemplated, although military as well as naval co-operation is possible, and the government will be unsparring in both money and supplies for the allies.

Whether an army will be sent abroad is one of the questions to be left to the future. It would take many months to train an army for such service and many things may happen in that period. But this possibility is being taken into consideration, and the government proposes to be ready for it as soon as practicable.

Detailed plans requiring congressional action are expected to be complete when Congress meets April 2. Prior to that time the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate and House will be here, and will hold conferences with the president and members of his cabinet. Speaker Clark and Representative Kitchen are expected to return to Washington yesterday.

Conferences on the legislative program will begin at the capital early next week. Secretary McAdoo, Representative Kitchen and Representative Hull are expected to talk over the fiscal situation before the session.

The tentative date set for a meeting of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee, the revenue raising body of the House. Various measures for providing additional revenue are being considered, including the possibility of resort to additional taxes on whiskey, tobacco and other specific articles. A mass of data relating to income tax has been prepared by experts, showing the effect of various possible extensions of the law.

Suggestions placed before the president yesterday included the possibility of floating a loan of \$5,000,000,000 for the entente nations. The proposal made by Gov. Harding of the federal reserve board in a recent speech at New York that the government lend the allies \$1,000,000,000 was thought to be inadequate by some of the president's advisers.

MASS. TROOPS TO BE
CALLED OUT SOON

Gov. McCall Told Secretary Baker, in Order to Protect Arsenals, Bridges and Other Public Structures.

Washington, D. C., March 24.—Gov. McCall of Massachusetts conferred today with Secretary Baker of the war department and later made it known that within a few days he will call out the regiments of the Massachusetts National Guard for the duty of guarding the bridges, arsenals, reservoirs and other public works in that state.

Gov. McCall saw President Wilson yesterday and informed him of the action of Massachusetts in taking preliminary preparedness measures, including the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to place the National Guard in readiness for quick service.

EXPLOSION UNDER CAR

Tore Up Pavement at Cambridge, Mass., But Didn't Hurt Passengers.

Cambridge, Mass., March 24.—A high explosive, lying on the street railway tracks on Pearl street, opposite the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, tore a hole through a street car and shattered windows without injuring any of the five passengers last night. The motor man, John J. Doyle, was bruised by the concussion.

TWO MISSING MEN.
One Wanted By Sheriff and Other By His Friends.

Barre is a port of missing men just now with county and municipal authorities searching here for James Powers and John Watkins, the only a jail breaker, and the other a long-time employee of the city water department and a man of steady habits. The disappearance came about under widely variant circumstances and local interest centers about the absence of Watkins. In the case of Powers, there is the natural motive of the jail breaker, but Watkins' disappearance is the more mysterious because his acquaintances are wholly at a loss to explain it.

Early Friday morning occupants of ex-Alderman Michael Keefe's home on Foster street, detecting the odor of smoke, went to an upper-story room which Watkins, as a lodger, had occupied for nearly eight years. The bed was ablaze and before the fire could be extinguished aid had been summoned from the fire station. Watkins was missing and an open window with tracks in the snow below indicated his means of progress. The tracks led into the street and were lost. Real concern is felt over his absence at the office of the water department and last night the police were asked to aid in efforts to locate him. Alarm over the man's disappearance is accentuated by the fact that he was a steady worker, of good habits, and always punctual. The fear that he may have become temporarily unbalanced seems uppermost. This morning the police conducted a careful search along the river bank, but no tracks were found and the only thing of any account to be seen was a colored handkerchief under the railroad bridge on Blackwell street. The handkerchief was picked up on the edge of the ice, where the current flows swiftly.

Powers, sentenced from Barre in December for an intoxication charge, had been working in Bennett's lumber lot on the Montpelier road while a prisoner at the jail. One day this week he airily tossed his dinner pail into the river and started for Barre. Yesterday deputies from the jail and the Barre police joining in a search about town. Numerous promising clues were followed, but without avail.

This morning Sheriff F. H. Tracy, in offering a \$50 reward for the detention of the man, circulated posters with the following statements: James Powers, 26 years old, 5 feet, 8 inches tall; weighs 165 pounds, brown hair. He is a broad shouldered Irishman, has an Irish brogue, is a boozier and claims to be a steam fitter; has worked in the woods; has a red face, thick lips, a typical Irishman."

MANY FLOWERS

At Funeral of Mrs. Thomas J. Blann, Held Friday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas J. Blann, who died Wednesday, was held yesterday afternoon from her late home, 138 South Main street, there being a large number of friends and relatives in attendance. Rev. J. W. Barnett of the Congregational church was the officiating clergyman, and Miss Glee Wood sang "Lead Kindly Light." The bearers were John MacAndrew, Peter Reid, George Booth, John Booth, David Stephen and Alex. Robertson. The body was placed in the vault at Elmwood cemetery, and later in the spring the interment will be at Hope cemetery.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful, being as follows: Pillow, "Wife," from husband; pillow, "Mother," from family; wreath, George Stratton; cross, employees of Martinson Estate Co.; spray white roses, employees of George Stratton; calla lilies, Mrs. Martinson and family; spray, Gerrard-Barclay company; spray, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson; roses and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. D. Peduzzi, John Risset; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cruden, Mr. and Mrs. David Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. William Moir, Mrs. and Miss McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wheaton, George Booth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutts, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. John Leith, Mrs. William Paul, Mrs. A. J. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Simpson, Miss Shirley McNeil, Miss Annie McNeil, Miss Lena Peterson, Miss Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Fowle and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKenrie, Mrs. Mutch, Mrs. McTavish and William Duthie, Mrs. MacAndrew, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. William Milne, Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. George Pithe, Mrs. Ingram.

The haul included the following beverages: White wine, two kegs and three bottles; gin, nine bottles; Reverse whiskey, three quarts; 623 whiskey, one bottle; Coughlin seven bottles; Fourball one bottle; Old Haymarket, one quart; b-o-k beer, 43 bottles.

TO EQUIP VERMONT MILITIA

House Passed Bill Providing for That War Preparation

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

There Only Small Attendance in Either Branch

The House this forenoon passed House bill 434 to provide equipment and supplies for the military forces of the state, and it also adopted a joint resolution relating to universal military training. The Senate was in session less than an hour this forenoon and adjourned to 7:30 Monday evening. During the short session the Senate passed the bill relating to the salary of the auditor of accounts and ordered several others to a third reading. House bill 411, relating to the issuance of free transportation by railroads and prohibiting the issuance of such transportation to the public service commission and its employees the Senate made a special order for next Tuesday, on motion of Senator Morse.

Because of the small attendance in the House the bill relating to the salary of the state highway commissioner was ordered to lie. The House passed the following bills: Relating to investments by domestic insurance companies; to amend an act to amend the charter of the city of Rutland; providing for an appropriation for the construction of committee rooms in the State House; relating to the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways; an act to amend the act chartering the village of Morrisville; increasing the fees of jurors in county courts; extending the boundaries of the village of Fair Haven; relating to the duties of the public service commission, extending the authority of the commission to the manufacture, distribution or sale of gas or electricity.

The House voted to recommend House bill 199, relating to the licensing of persons transporting persons for hire in automobiles or motor vehicles, and the making of traffic rules and regulations. Mr. Brooks of Montpelier proposed an amendment, and it was on motion of Mr. Deyette of Benson that the bill was recommended.

Legislative Notes.

The legislators will not be paid \$5 per day and mileage. The House, by a vote that was almost unanimous, yesterday afternoon rejected the bill presented by Mr. Hall of Isle La Motte. The House also rejected the bill raising the pay of listers.

ILLEGAL SALE CHARGED.

Angel Edesa of Westerville Placed Under \$550 Bail.

Angel Edesa, a Westerville man, was held in the sum of \$550 in city court this forenoon for a hearing to be held before Magistrate H. W. Scott Tuesday morning. Bail was furnished and the respondent was released, after he had entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of selling liquor illegally. Deputy Sheriff Denis Donahue of Granville and Constable Norman Pratt of Williamstown raided the Edesa home last evening and came away with Edesa and a big bundle of booze. The respondent was locked up at police headquarters, pending arrangements for securing bail.

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NATIVE OF MONTEPILIER

Henry Bolton, Car Repairer, Died at the Barre City Hospital.

Henry Bolton, a car repairer employed by the Central Vermont railroad in Barre for several years, died at the City Hospital Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, the end following an illness of two months. Death was due to Bright's disease. The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of Perry & Noonan in Depot square, and an effort is being made to get into communication with his relatives. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

The deceased was born in Montpelier, in 1884, a son of George Bolton. For the past eight years or thereabouts he had been an employee of the railroad, at first in Montpelier and for some time in Barre. Within a few years he transferred his residence to this city and was staying at the Buzzell hotel in Pearl street when ill health overtook him. It is said that he has a brother in Franklin, N. H., or Springfield, Mass., but efforts to locate him to-day were unsuccessful.

SUED WRONG PARTY.

Standard Oil Co. Made the Goat by Rutland Woman.

Rutland, March 24.—Business took an unusual turn in Rutland county court yesterday when the Standard Oil company won a case and one of its witnesses was sued for \$5,000 damages for negligence within an hour. Miss Grace Gould of this city was the plaintiff in a case against the Standard Oil, trial of which began Thursday. The woman asked damages because she stepped into a hole where an oil tank was being installed. Wayne N. Temple in front of whose store the tank was being installed testified that he personally set the oil company was responsible for the putting in of the container. At the introduction of this evidence J. C. Jones, Miss Gould's attorney, moved for a judgment for the defendant and as soon as he could prepare a writ had Mr. Temple's property attached for \$5,000.